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### THE MONTANA STEAL.

New York Star: That the republi can party should have the audacity to attempt to steal a state this year, seems almost incredible. But it is true. The effort to reverse the result of the recent election in Montana is palpable. The chief among several attempted outrages is that in Silver Bow county, where, by throwing out a precinct which gave a democratic majority of 174, the republicans are trying to seat five defeated candidates in place of five democrats who were elected to the legislature. The pretended grounds for this grand larceny of the suffrage are of a purely technical nature. They do not at all relate to the intention of the voters of the locality, and they would be entirely dis regarded by any impartial court as an element controlling the choice even of a county clerk.

it appears that this fraudulent and corrupt action of the canvassers is of such consequence that, if successful, it would reverse the political control of the legislature and give to the republicans two seats in the United States senate It is because of the importance of the ventured to brave public sentiment by essaying to seize it from those by whom it has been lawfully won.

The situation is a very serious one. The people of Montana must maintain their rights. No one can now directly interfere between them and the election robbers. But the hands of the local authorities and of the law-abiding citizens of the new state must be strengthened by a demonstration of the opinions of fair men all over the country that will deter the criminals from a consummation of the wrong.

It would be intolerable if the control portance to the people of Montana. of the congress of the United States were to depend upon such outrages as disgraced the country during the carpetbag era. The people of Montana are Wolfe for fixing so late a date as Nov. 4 open to no charge of disloyalty or infer- for hearing the mandamus proceeding iority in patriotism. Their new state has deliberately chosen to carry the democratic banner into the highest conclaves of the country. They must be protected in their right by every agency at the command of public opinion and of the law. Let us have faith that the attempted fraud will fail and its authors suffer such political punishment that they will long repent the experiment of repeating in 1889 the tactics of 1876.

New York World: The deliberate attempt of the republican national committee's agents to reverse the result of the Montana election and nullify the election which nobody pretends was otherwise than honest is a shocking manifestation of political depravity, but it ought not be surprising.

The politicians who have tried to do this thing have accustomed their minds to regard the success of their party as a thing so supremely desirable as to justify the use of any means for its accomplishment, and by repeatedly consenting to accept the results of fraudulent practices many men in that party to whom such things were once repulsive have come to think of them with a chuckle of amused gratification.

The presidential campaign of last year was conducted by the men who have now organized this Montana scheme upon the theory that politics is a game in which all cheating done on their side is legitimate and, if successful in concealing itself, praiseworthy. Dudley has been marked down a trifle in his conduct record for being found out, but other the campaign of purchase and intimidation have been rewarded for their wrongdoing and their party has accepted the fruits of the victory without making troublesome inquiries into the manner

In such circumstances the Montana incident ought to excite no surprise The people of that state, in reckless dis-regard of republican necessities, elected the ear.

The Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the czar, is dying from cancerous affection of the ear.

majority of democrats to the legisla ure, which must have resulted in the choice of two democratic senators when two republicans are badly wanted. Something had to be done, and as there was no pretense that the election was otherwise than honest it was necessary to throw out the vote of a democratic precinct upon a hair-splitting techni-

It was a rascally piece of business, of course, and an outrageous wrong to which the people of Montana are not oing to submit. But on the theory that republican success is the one supremely lesirable thing, to be secured by any means and at all hazards, it is what might have been expected.

### JUSTICE NEAR AT HAND.

The Silver Bow district court will conven Monday, Oct. 28, instead of Nov. 4. It is believed the real motive that lead Judge De Wolfe to ask for a change of date was to dvance the mandamus proceedings. This nowever, would be a revolutionary proceed-ing that even a desperate democratic judge would not dare undertake.—Journal. Wasn't it the Journal that remarked he other day:

## No rogue e'er felt the halter draw With good opinion of the law.

What's the matter with the Journal's friends, the Silver Bow conspirators

that they want more time now? But the Journal is wrong in its state ment of facts. Judge DeWolfe didn't ask for a change of date. It was fixed by Judges Blake, Liddell and Bach, and those three gentlemen were unanimous in the opinion that that the early date was desirable. The proper papers were served on the Silver Bow canvassing board yesterday ordering them to appear next Monday and show cause why they should not count the vote of pre cinct 34, as certified to them. The case is now advanced so that it can be properly passed upon, and after that is done the delayed returns can be laid before the state board of canvassers. All this can be accomplished within thirty days after the election. There will be no further delay of statehood unless the prize that the republican managers have republican conspirators continue to resist an honest count after the court has passed upon their case.

> Another mandamus case will also be disposed of at the special term next Monday. It is the proceeding of John J. McHatton, democratic candidate for district judge in Silver Bow, against the canvassers. Mr. McHatton sets forth that he received 168 of the 171 votes cast at precinct 34, and that the canvassing board wrongfully refused to count them. Were these votes counted Mr. McHat ton would have 27 majority.

All good citizens will rejoice we are sure, that the machinery of the courts is to be so promptly set in motion to determine a result of such momentous im-

THE consistency of the organ of the State Stealers is one of its strong points. One day it sharply attacks Judge Deagainst the Silver Bow canvassers, and the next it characterizes as revolutionary the calling of a special term of the court by Chief Justice Blake to give opportunity for earlier action on this important case. It looks mightily as if the conspirators were afraid of getting jus-

THE attempt of Mr. Russell B. Harrison's newspaper to divert attention from the stealing of the state to the stealing of mineral lands is too thin. There is but one issue before the people of Montana to-day-and that is the crime of the republican conspirators against the ballot.

THERE'LL be music for the ex-convict will of the majority as expressed in an affidavit-maker and his confederates when all the facts about their work at the tunnel precinct are laid bare. It is a conspiracy that will startle the coun-

> If the Journal is an organ, as The Inde-PENDENT alleges, it has one advantage over its esteemed democratic contemporary—it has never strained an octave trying to make olks believe it was a piano.—Journal.

That would be useless when everybody knows it is worked by a crank.

JACK isn't the only man who'll think the Atlantic ocean is about the rightsized pond to have between him and a Montana grand jury

THE Carson, Nevada, Appeal wants "the people of the silver states and territories to assemble in mass meetings and pledge themselves to support no political party that does not make remonetization of silver one of its principles." Better stick to the demperatic party. It was that party that originated and passed the Bland silver coinage act, and it is the men in that party west and south who are the friends of silver today. The republican party, in the nature of things, cannot be trusted to look out for our silver interests. The solid republican delegations from the New England and contributors of money and ingenuity to Middle states represent constituencies that are bitterly hostile to remonetization.

> WE stop the press to announce that while the gross receipts at the St. Paul postoffice for the last quarter were \$71.854.86, at Min neapolis for the same period they were \$79, 156. Now look out for some of the St. Paul papers to show that magnanimous St. Paul people bought their postage stamps at the Minneapolis office to help the town along.

THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE.

Annual Convention of the Clubs With Address by Hill.

New York, Oct. 22.-The annual convenion of the state league of democratic clubs met to-day. Gov. Hill made a brief ad dress. He said the democratic party stood just where it did a year ago; it had pledged tself for tariff reform and it reiterated that plank. The party did not advocate free trade and that was an accurate statement of its platform. The longer the present adainistration was in power, the more it would be shown how far it was below that of Grover Cleveland. Within the last ten days the republicans had tried steal the whole democratic of Montana. The republican party had violated every pledge which it had made, and cabinet places had been sold to the highest bidder. A letter from ex-Presi-dent Cleveland was read, in which he said ne was much pleased to learn that the eague intends to make the organizations of which it is composed permanent agencia for specifying and illustrating the doctrine of the democratic party at all times and i circumstances. I look to the ascendency of the principle apon which true democracy rests, which be greatly aided by activity of league, such as y us from wasting ecure extravagance, from demagogic pretense, from sectional bitterness and from the widespread corruption of the suffrage, Resolutions were adopted supporting the St. Louis platform, endorsing a proper re form of the ballot laws, condemning th republican administration for the remova of a chief justice of one of the territories denounces the project of the republican party subsidizing steamship corporations ndorsing the wise and economical adminis ration of Gov. Hill, and renewed congratu ations to Grover Cleveland for the wisdom and bravery with which he fought the fight f tariff reform and true democracy in 1887

## THE SPOKANE RACES.

The Last Day of the Meeting-Maud Knox and Clatawa.

SPOKANE FALLS, Oct. 22.- [Special.]-Today's races ended the meeting of the Spokane Jockey club. A threatening rain kept many from attending. The principal event was the special race between Maud Knox, Coquette and Clatawa, postponed from yesterday, with one heat won by Maud Knox. The first heat to-day was won by Maud in 2:301/2, but great excitement prevailed when Clatawa finished the next heat a winner in 2:29%. The deciding heat was a grand race between Maud Knox and Clatawa, which was won by the latter by a head in 2:29%. The purse was divided, Maud Knox first, Clatawa second, Coquette third.

Races at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 22.-One ntile-Katie S third. Time 1:46.

One mile and a sixteenth-Dilemma won, Clamor second, Lizzie D third. Time 1:53. One mile and seventy vards-Bridgelight von. Bettina second. Plunder third. Time 1:50%.
Three-fourths of a mile—Dollikins won Camilla second, Lottie third. Time 1:18.

## Races at Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 22,-One mile-Cracksman won, Reporter second, Lavinia Belle third. Time 1:46%. One mile and a sixteenth-Guy Gray

won, Burnside second, Harkburg third. Time 1:55%. Three-quarters of a mile—Sir John won, Tulla Blackburn second. Civil Service third.

One and one-sixteenth of a mile-Castone and one-sixteenth of a mile—Cast-away won, King Crab second, Defaulter third. Time 1:53½.

Three-quarters of a mile—Belle D'Or won, Meriden second, Pearl Set third.

# DEATH ON THE RAIL.

A Hill Pilot on the Northern Pacific Makes a Fatal Step.

William Noonan, a young man of this city, made a misstep yesterday evening on a Northern Pacific freight train, fell on his Bargain. head and was instantly killed.

Noonan was the hill pilot on No. 17, which pulled out of Helena for the west about 7:30. When the train was a mile and a half west of the Montana Central crossing, other brakemen were on top of the train not know how it was he made the misstep. It is probable that the what we ask for them. train was on a curve. He fell head foremost in a gravel bed, and when the men rushed back from the train, which was quickly brought to a standstill, the young man was lying dead in a pool of blood the head badly crushed. The switch engine of the yard was sent out, together with Coroner Follencrushed. ius, and the remains were placed on it and brought back to town and conveyed to th morgue. The inquest will be held this morning at 8 o'clock.

Noonan was unmarried and about 23 years of age. He was formerly a brakeman on the Northern Pacific and was very popular among the railroad men, who greatly regret his untimely taking off.

# At the Theatre.

"Love and Law," which was presented at Ming's last night by Milton Nobles' co pany, may be accurately if unusually de scribed as a comedy-melodrama, at times running into pure comedy and then going running into pure comedy and then going as far in the other direction. Accustomed to make his best points in the "Phoenix" in those scenes and lines which appeal with an emphasis in proportion to their exaggeration. Mr. Nobles is to be commended for the restraint placed upon himself in favor of intelligent writing and artistic construction. The dialogue is bright and crisp, and in some of his own scenes rises to a high plane of comedy, and the construction of the play is admirable, the last act in which he personates one of the villains to discover he personates one of the villains to discover the secret of the other, is a fine dramatic coup, which is as strongly acted as it is well written. In the part of Felix O'Paff he is at his best, and at his best he is one of the inest eccentric character comedians on the stage. His support was very good.
"The Phoenix" for to-morrow night, in

which is a realistic fire scene, gambling den and slum scene. Miss Lambert will give a xylophone solo and take a boy's part in the gambling scene. No matinee. It is in "The Phoenix" that "the villain still pur-

Brooklyn Wins. NEW YORK, Oct. 22,-At the third world's

hampionship game the score was-New York, 7; Brooklyn, 8. The batteries were for New York, Welch, O'Day and Ewing; for Brooklyn, Hughes, Caruthers and

Excursion to Hotel Broadwater. For the accommodation of the Marysville people who wish to visit Hotel Broadwater

next Sunday, Oct. 27, the Montana Central will run a train, leaving Marysville at 1 o'clock p. m., returning leave Hotel Broad-water at 5:30 p. m. Fare for the round trip B. H. LANGLEY, General Ticket Agent.

# THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.-Bar silver 93%. Copper-Unchanged: lake, \$10.75.

Lead-Steady; domestic, \$3.80. The stock market was less active to-day, but tone of dealings was much stronger than yesrday, and the result of the day's business is to ave the entire list materially higher than last ening, though in many stocks the losses of sterday were not recovered. Important adances were in Chicago Gas and Lake Erie & stern preferred Pa. Delaware & Hudson 1% ugar 1%, Northern Pacific and Manitoba 1% lock Island, Missonri Pacific and Transconti ental 1%, Burlington 14, Union Pacific, Northrn Pacific, Denver, Texas & Fort Worth and stion oil 1 per cent, each. Governments dull Petroleum opened steady at 100% and declined

ightly. The price later advanced to 100%, bu shiftity. The price later advanced to 100%, but reacted and closed steady at 100%, I (overnment bonds, 4s. 127; 144s, 105%; Northern Pacific, 324; preferred, 714; Oregon Improvement, 50; Oregon Navigation, 204; Transcontinental, 33%; Union Pacific, 64%.

Money on call tight, ranging from 66/10. Closed offered at 6. Prime mercantile paper 54/87. Sterling exchange quiet; weak; sixty-day bills, \$4.814; demand, \$4.854.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22, 1:15 p. m.—Close—Wheat—Weak and lower; Oct., 77%; Dec., 79%; May, 82%. Corn—Fasy; Oct., 30%; Nov., 30%; May, 82%. Oats—Easy; Oct., 18; Nov., 18%; May, 21%. Pork—Steady; Oct., \$10.97%; Jan., \$9.45%

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Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; strong at advance; light, \$4.0094.25; heavy, \$4.1094.25; packers and shippers, \$3.4594.425.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; slow, lower; natives, \$3.4096.5.00; westerns, \$4.0064.05. Oct. 22.-Cattle-Receipts, 9,000

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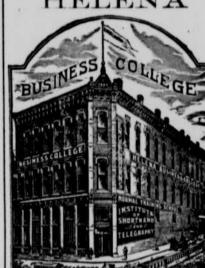
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